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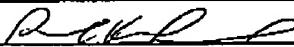
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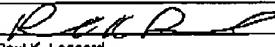
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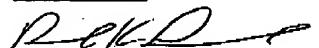
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claims 37-48 remain pending in the present application.

I. The Claimed Invention Is Supported by Ample Written Description

Claims 37-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter that was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Applicants traverse the rejection and respectfully request reconsideration because the specification provides ample written description supporting the claimed invention.